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Standard Bank Brings Elixir of Love to Jersey

Standard Bank is sponsoring this year's Jersey Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production at the Opera House.

The Sorcerer, which is also known as The Elixir of Love, will be performed from Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 May. UK tenor, Russell Painter, is coming to the Island to play the role of Alexis Poindextre.

Russell Painter has worked extensively to bring Gilbert and Sullivan operas to the modern musical stage in the UK. He has previously performed at the Jersey Opera House as Ralph in H.M.S Pinafore.

Chairman of the Jersey Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Andrew Parker, said: "We're delighted to have a talented tenor like Russell back in Jersey and we're sure he'll be fantastic as Alex Poindextre. The Sorcerer is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's early and lesser known works. The story revolves around a love potion which produces some hilariously mismatched couples. We've set this production in the 1920s to give it a more modern feel.

"We are really grateful to Standard Bank for their continued support, without which we would not be able to provide such high quality productions for our local audiences."

Standard Bank has sponsored the society's annual production for the past eight years.

Claire Reid, Standard Bank's Director of Marketing and Communications, said: "We're delighted to be sponsoring this year's production of The Sorcerer. Standard Bank is committed to supporting the arts in Jersey and to providing the community with access to excellent amateur productions."

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Notes to Editor

Information and photos of Russell Painter are available on www.russellpainter.com

For more information, and to arrange interviews, please call Alex Mallinson or Amanda Olsson on 01534 735253, or email Amanda@directinput.ie

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